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SUBJ: SPEECH BY MOROCCAN DIRGEN OF FISHERIES ON CECF AREA

REF: CASABLANCA A-23

1. RFA HAS TRANSLATED MAY 26, 75 SPEECH GIVEN BY DAHMANE LAYACHI, DIRGEN OF OFFICE NATIONAL DES PECHEES (ONP) AT CONF IN MARSEILLE ON THEME "FISHING AND THE REVISION OF THE LAW OF THE SEA". LAYACHI'S SPEECH WAS ENTITLED "THE FUTURE OF FISHING IN THE EASTERN CENTRAL ATLANTIC".

2. ARTICLE NOTEWORTHY ON SEVERAL POINTS:

1. IT DEALS WITH CECF FISHERIES IN CONTEXT OF CHANGES IN LOS,
2. IT DISCUSSES POSSIBLE FUTURE SHAPE OF CECF NATIONS FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT, AND
3. IT IS FIRST INDICATION RECEIVED BY RFA THAT CERTAIN AFRICAN STATES MIGHT BE CONSIDERING REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AFTER LOS.

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3. SUMMARY OF ARTICLE: BRIEF TREATMENT GIVEN TO STOCKS IN CECAF AREA, STATE OF FISHERY, AND MARKET POTENTIAL OF AREA. LAYACHI INDICATED EXTENDED FISHERIES JURISDICTIONS HAVE LED AFRICAN STATES IN TWO DIRECTIONS: DEVELOPMENT ON NATIONAL SCALE OR DEVELOPMENT ON BI- OR MULTILATERAL SCALE. LAYACHI DISCUSSED LATTER, INDICATING NEED FOR FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY, BUT STRESSING NEED FOR MUTUAL COOPERATION IN DEVELOPMENT. FUTURE DEVELOPMENT, LAYACHI FELT, WOULD COME PRIMARILY THROUGH OPEN AND MUTUALLY AGREEABLE COOPERATION.

4. DURING RECENT OES/OFA AND NMFS/NOAA DISCUSSIONS WITH RFAS, CONSIDERABLE INTEREST WAS SHOWN REGARDING POSSIBLE FUTURE REGIONAL FISHERIES ARRANGEMENTS OR GROUPINGS, IN VIEW OF LOS DEVELOPMENTS AND IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITY THAT US MIGHT UNILATERALLY EXTEND ITS FISHERIES JURISDICTION.

5. REFAIR INDICATES THAT MOROCCAN FISHERY OFFICIALS HAVE, AT LEAST, CONSIDERED SOME REGIONAL PROGRAM IN THEIR FUTURE PLANS. REFAIR ALSO SUGGESTS ONP DIRGEN LAYACHI MAY BE ATTEMPTING TO EITHER TEST REGIONAL REACTION TO HIS PROPOSALS OR MAY BE ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH HIMSELF AS A MODERATE-PROGRESSIVE FORCE IN CECAF BLOC.

6. REFAIR BEING POUCHED SEPARATELY.  
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